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Branson officer receives commendation from police chief for life-saving actions



Branson Police Officer Daniel Smithson has received a Letter of Commendation from Police Chief Kent Crutcher for his actions in saving the life of an elderly Branson woman.

In late August, Smithson responded to a call asking police to check on the well-being of an elderly woman in her home. On arriving, Smithson knocked on the door several times with no response.

“After not getting a response from knocking on the door, Smithson could have just walked away,” said Crutcher. “But he took the initiative to force entry based on information received from neighbors.”

It was then that Smithson discovered the woman lying on a hallway floor, alive, but unable to get up for three days. He contacted paramedics who provided medical attention to the woman and transported her to the hospital.

“Your actions allowed medical personnel to provide the necessary treatment for a successful outcome,” stated the Letter of Commendation to Smithson. “Your professionalism reflects highly upon yourself and the Branson Police Department. Congratulations on a job well done. “

Smithson has been an officer with the Branson Police Department for three years.